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The national election, which occurred last month, had an unusual element of interest to all Unitarians. That one of the candidates for the office of president was a Unitarian was made the occasion for an attack on him by the ultra-orthodox elements in both parties. Reports of denunciation by ministers' meetings and of organizations by church people to work against Mr. Taft, because of his religion, came frequently to this office. It is gratifying to know that the American people were above being influenced by those who sought his defeat on this ground. At the time that Jefferson was elected president an open fight was made against him on account of his Unitarianism. It marks the progress that has been made by our people that such opposition as there was to Mr. Taft on account of his religion was confined to a few and expressed on the whole under cover. There were those, however, who came into the open to fight against him. The following was written as an editorial in a religious periodical and a reprint was sent broadcast:

"National Honor.

"Shall the Christian honor of this great nation be trailed in the dust for four long years by the election of William H. Taft, a pronounced Unitarian, as president of the United States of America?

"If such a calamity is to come to our American people, shall it be by the consent of the ballot of the Christian church? Shall such a dark cloud of blackness and darkness settle down upon our Christian homes, our wives and little ones without an awful protest from the Christian pulpit, the Christian press and the Christian public? What would our Puritan fathers think of such rank infidelity at the head of the nation? What will Jesus think of you, Christian voter, if you fail to offer a mighty protest against it? How can you ever again say that you love and honor Jesus after you have supported a party and a ticket headed by a man who repudiates Jesus Christ as the Son of God?

"I have never been a Democrat and withdrew from the rum-soaked politics of this country more than twenty years ago, but I should much rather see William J. Bryan, who is at least a Christian in his faith, go into the executive mansion than a man whose life and influence denies the divinity of Jesus Christ. If William H. Taft is elected to the presidency in November the Stars and Stripes should hang at half-mast for four years.

"With every ounce of my being I repudiate such flagrant insults to Christian orthodoxy."

To the defense that President Roosevelt made of the right of Mr. Taft to his own religious views, and his pointing out the wrong that is done in opposing a candidate because of his faith, it may be added that a Unitarian is the proper person to preside over a country of mixed faiths. The only tenet of our church is that of the open mind, and one of this attitude is a citizen first and a churchman afterward. We confess that we should dislike to see a man in the highest office in our country who was a churchman first and an American afterward, no matter what his church or party affiliation might be. No doubt President Roosevelt is right in saying that men of all creeds will be elected presidents of our country because our people will always be discerning enough to elect a man to the president's chair that is open minded. In fact, we should not be surprised to have the Unitarian elected give so good an administration as to compel all parties to seek, as their chief hope of success, men of such an open-minded faith to head their tickets.

The day of such narrowness as quoted above is about over. What the religion of the world is to be called matters less than that it should be human in its sympathies and governed by common sense.

## THE SEASON OF HARVESTS.

Life does not at any stage represent a fulfillment. At its best it is only a promise. Its completions are always withheld. The ideal is never attained. We journey toward an ever receding goal. We are forever on the way; we do not arrive. The full marriage feast, where every desire finds its satisfaction, is never spread.

And yet this does not mean that life is a mirage and that it ends in an eternal disappointment. It means that it is larger and better and more various in its gifts than we were at any given time prepared to hope. So rich, so abundant is it that we cannot exhaust its bounty. We take what it offers us and we find it not enough. But that is because in the taking we have enlarged our capacity and along with it our desire; and so straightway we ask for more. And according as we ask so shall it be given us. Only it will always be on the same terms. With all our getting we shall not get satisfaction except in the higher sense of an ever renewed zest in the pursuit of good. But in this sense it is quite possible to be satisfied; nay, it is quite impossible not to be satisfied, if we are willing to take life on its own conditions and find the conditions good. To the sincere seeker after good every failure, every disappointment means only that there is something better in store for him than the thing he has been baulked of. Yes, and to such an one there comes this farther wisdom also: that he can set his heart on no prize and not find when once it is in his grasp that its splendor pales before some nobler possibility looming on his vision. To a sane understanding the insufficiency of any possession does not appear because of doubts inspired by the demons of despair; it is the angel of hope who puts it into our hearts that there is something better worth having—aye, and pilots the way to it, too. If we come fitly robed to life's feast, it will not be long before the host will beckon us to come up higher.

Here, then, is the permanent basis of satisfaction: that we shall never find ourselves at the end of our resources. All true living issues in a life that waxes more and more abundant: an ever enlarging capacity and an ever larger achievement. To this we owe much of our pain; but to it also we owe our exceedingly great compensations. We escape from the poor satisfaction which knows not what it lacks and knows not that it lacks, into the noble satisfaction which is aware of the great things that are to be had by striving. We are led out of the narrow completeness of mere existence into the beginnings of a boundless life.

"He shall see of the travail of his soul and shall be satisfied." That does not describe the coming to an end of all endeavor. It means the opening of the way to further conquest. There is no cause for congratulation in a complete fulfillment, but only for regret; for it means decay and death. There is now nothing more to look forward to. It is the partial fulfillment that gives ground for true satisfaction; for this is the best promise there is of things to come.

And this is the sort of satisfaction that the season of ingathering brings. In its true aspect the harvest brings home to us not so much a sense of the end of all things as a sense of the endlessness of all things. The year does not run its course and stop. After the culmination of autumn comes the rest of winter and then the new beginning of spring. The best thing about harvest is the earnest it brings us of succeeding harvests. The autumn is different from other seasons in that besides its own special gift it brings the pervading sense of the procession of all the seasons. Its gold and purple and scarlet, its haze—the scarce visible suggestion of its brooding spirit of mystery—are not all its own. Its whispering voices are laden with both retrospect and prophecy. They speak to us of what has been and of what will be. When the season of harvests comes it does not come alone. The essences of winter, spring and summer are all present and commingled in this rich wine of autumn. The conspiracy of the seasons has now its perfect work. In this maturity and fruitage of nature the virtue of the whole year is expressed. Today we have not simply what the day brings forth, but the garnered sheaf of all our days; and no good things that any day has brought forth is omitted; but day is linked to day, and what each day has brought forth is woven in with what all the days have brought forth; and the fabric is the seamless garment of life in which those who have faithfully wrought with the days shall array themselves as wedding guests fitly robed for the feast—the marriage feast of the year.

J. D. REID.

St. Paul.

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## THE LAW OF PRAYER.

Many a writer today seeks to account for the decline of the church. It is well, for the problem cries for solution. Yet most of the explanations are superficial. The cause of the decline is simple: our churches have lost their spiritual vitality. The one remedy is to restore spiritual energy. The one church which today clearly possesses it is growing as by miracle. What we need is the Holy Spirit which was in the early apostles.

How may we win this energy of Pentecost? For half a century we Unitarians have taught it is latent in every soul. We have written a thousand sermons upon our possibilities, the wonders of man's latent divinity. We have taught that man is implicated with God, partaker of the immensity of God that in the subconscious soul of every child is folded away an embryo Christ. We have long gazed with awe upon the divine patience, courage, love lying bound in the hidden deeps of the soul. But how often have we faced the really crucial problem: the method of its release? Upon the solution of that problem depends the future of our church.

Inventors in a thousand laboratories are busy with the riddle: how shall we release and use the latent forces of nature? Practically science is one vast set of tools for solving this riddle. How shall we release

the energies hidden in coal and soil, in winds and glaciers—that is the problem of the laboratory. How shall we release the spiritual energies hidden in the human soul—that is the problem of the church. As electricity is latent in the cloud so is Christ-love in the soul. What is the law of its release? This is the law for which we must begin the quest. It is illusive for it deals with that most illusive order, the psychology of the growth of the soul. Yet the laws are none the less real. Upon their discovery depend the issues of life and death.

May I suggest one of these laws which our liberal church has often forgotten, namely, the law of prayer? The law has been misunderstood and the practice of it degraded, yet none the less is it one of the vital laws which govern the life of the soul. If we note the growth of any great mind we observe that the key to that unfoldment is the gateway of an intense desire. The passionate boy dreams of his manhood and yearns for the resounding roads of great career and the mountains of fame. Now we mark the desire, but seldom guess the part it plays in his career. It stimulates to action; I believe it does more—by a psychological law it unlocks the energy for action. Have we noticed in ourselves how earnest desire releases energy? We want, we must prepare a paper for the morrow, but our brain is sluggish; ideas will not flow. Suddenly as the desire presses on our mind something breaks away and in rushes such vigor that the paper is written in a flash. When we get into moral realms the results grow more startling. We throw ourselves some gloomy day upon our couch in utter discouragement. Our while life is emptiness, perhaps an agony of disappointment. Suddenly our misery vents its pain in one upreaching desire for relief. As by a miracle a light breaks through the blackness, a soft breath floats down from some unknown heaven of our soul, gloom-dispelling, hope-instilling, until we rise transfigured. Or again we work at the day's routine in the soul hardening mill of business until our words are brusque, our hearts cold as steel. Straightway a kind greeting shakes us awake and in alarm we silently cry for escape from our selfishness—when lo, our hardness melts away, the Christ arises in our heart, and kindness shines from every word. It seems as though Christ had descended from heaven, so sudden is the birth of love. These are facts of experience. Any one may prove them true. Here is a psychological law: intense desire unlocks latent spiritual energy. It opens if we will the doors to the vast sub-conscious soul life by which our little conscious mind lies environed and lets its divine energy pour in. Some of the golden doors are hard to open, but if the desire press hard enough they must give way.

Since intensity is the vital matter it is well to devote a few quiet moments now and then to such concentrated desire. This in the past men have called prayer. A prayer is for us a hushed and reverent desire for God. It is not a listless muttering of words; whether spoken or silent it is the most absorbed thinking of which we are capable, a bent of the mind in utter absorption upon the strength, the patience, the love of God. It is a persistent desire for God. The long and loud prayers of our fathers reveal a true understanding; only they mistook loudness for the divine intensity. In the deepest prayer our lips are still, but our mind is lost in the thirst for God; it possesses us utterly.

An urgent but reverent desire is the first secret of prayer; the second is faith. Somehow confidence unlocks energy. Mark the confident man, the Cromwell or Luther or Paul. It was their faith in themselves and God which won for them the great part of their power. By some law which we dimly understand faith unlocks the hidden chambers of the soul. Jesus put no limit to the energy it could command. Link faith to the desire and it becomes irresistible. We may then ask what we will and it shall be done unto us. Faith, however, is something that grows with each answer to prayer. Every passionate desire for God implies some faith. Each time we release by an urgent cry the Holy Spirit from the divine deeps of the sub-conscious soul fresh faith is born. Our faith swells as a mighty stream of spiritual confidence. We rush forward from one spiritual victory to the next until in our exultation it seems as though we could lift mountains.

What prayer will accomplish when faith grows strong we as yet know almost nothing. There are only a few great spirits like Saint Bernard, Augustine, Paul, Jesus, who have really prayed. The results they accomplished have ever since commanded the reverence of the world. We know of the greater works of which Jesus dreamed. We can find the limits of prayer only by ages of experiment. They lie, I believe, far beyond our most exalted visions. This much is sure: Prayer is the key to the Christ spirit, to the fortitude, the peace, the love which glorified Jesus. It can release the very flames of the Holy Ghost. The deeps to which it reaches have never been fathomed. With every searching and confident desire for God the inrush of the Holy Spirit grows more marvelous. New deeps, new heights open to our rapt spirit until we feel that very God is pouring his infinite peace and love into our souls. The fathomless spirit of the Eternal sustains and nourishes us.

It comes by one of the deepest laws in the universe. The church waits for a revival of prayer.

Urbana. ALBERT R. VAIL.

Modern science has invented the phrase, "the mechanism of nature." As a formula this is well enough, but only as a formula. When pushed beyond this and used as a metaphysical term, it is false. The universe is a mechanism or acts under the laws of mechanism in only some of its phenomena. Life is not mechanical, neither is consciousness. And these are parts and expressions of the underlying reality. Vital processes show selection, adaptation, repair and creation of new organisms; and this is what no mechanism can do.

Consciousness reveals other qualities impossible in mechanics, such as choice, reason, and imagination. Moreover, the mind employs the powers of Nature in the service of man; and that which understands and uses a machine cannot itself be a machine, but belongs to a different order.

## AMONG THE CHURCHES.

Green Bay, Wis.—Rev. E. C. Smith, of our fellowship, who is minister of the Union Congregational church in this city, has drawn attention to his work lately by taking an active interest in civic affairs. He is chairman of what is called the "Closing Committee." This committee deals with the enforcement of law against the saloons.

Alton, Ill.—Rev. Vernon M. Cady was ordained and installed as minister by the First Unitarian church Thursday evening, November 5. On the day of this service the alliances of the St. Louis churches met with the Alton societies. Supper was served in the church parlors. The order of service included the sermon by Dr. Dodson, the act of ordination and installation on the part of the society by Mr. H. B. Sparks, the ordination prayer by Rev. J. W. Day, the right hand of fellowship by Dr. Dodson, the charge to the minister by Mr. Day and the address to the people by Mr. Backus. The occasion was most pleasing because of the fine spirit displayed by all concerned and the social intercourse enjoyed by the large delegation from St. Louis and the Alton people.

Brookings, S. D.—Rev. Rett E. Olmstead reports prosperity as attending the work in this new field. He has organized classes for the study of Emerson's writings in Brookings and Elkton. At Arlington, a small town near Brookings, Mr. Olmstead has been holding a series of meetings, through which much interest in our form of religion has been awakened.

Fort Collins, Colo.—Dr. Duren J. H. Ward has resigned from the ministry of our society in this place. It is his purpose to enter the ranks of the teaching profession. The vast learning of Dr. Ward and his power of imparting the same seem to assure his success in this field.

Greeley, Colo.—This society has been so fortunate as to secure the services of Rev. Milton R. Kerr, of Sandwich, Mass. Mr. Kerr will bring his energy and enthusiasm to bear upon the problems of our church in this beautiful little city.

Hanska, Minn.—Under the vigorous direction of Rev. Amandus Norman, the minister of our Norwegian church in this place, a building for social purposes is being erected in the village. The church is situated about half a mile from the village, upon an eminence called Mt. Pisquah. The reason for building the hall in the town is that the church may enter more actively into the life of the community.

Field Notes.—The activity of the secretary in October was very great on account of the state conferences. In company with Rev. Fred V. Hawley, representative of the A. U. A., he visited all of these gatherings. On the Sunday preceding the Minnesota Conference he preached in Minneapolis. On the Sunday preceding the Missouri Valley Conference he preached in Omaha, where the meeting was to be held. The third Sunday was spent with the Pleasant Hill church. The fourth was devoted to acting as supply for the Third church, Chicago, in the morning, and giving an address entitled, "Why I Am a Unitarian," for the Universalist church at Marseilles, Ill., in the evening. In the week preceding the fourth Sunday the secretary took part in the ordination and installation of Rev. F. B. Hardin, at Moline. In November the Sundays were used as follows: First, at Buda, Ill.; second, at Ames, Iowa; third, at Pleasant Hill church; fourth, at Hobart, Ind. The visit to Ames was most interesting. In the morning the secretary preached in the College Chapel and in the afternoon he spoke to the Y. M. C. A. The welcome given our gospel by those in authority at the College was very gratifying. The president is a Methodist preacher, as is the chaplain, but none of the sectarian narrowness one might expect was visible in their reception of our gospel or its representative. The writer was a student in this institution twenty years ago, and had not visited it since. He found that the immense strides the west has taken in that time had not halted there. Scarcely a landmark of twenty years ago remains. Splendid buildings now adorn the campus. In every department great activity prevails. Everywhere the spirit of service to the state that founded and supports the college is to be found. It is amazing to know what an amount of wealth and health science is adding to our resources every year by teaching our youth the result of its research. It gives one a glorious prophesy of what life may become.

Chicago.—The Conference Directors met at 2 p. m., Thursday, October 22. Present: Messrs. Hull, Hawley, Gilmore, Pulsford, Gebauer, Simons, Backus, Mrs. Lynn, Miss Buck, Mrs. Delano and Dr. Eliot, president of the A. U. A. The meeting was called to consider the resolution adopted by the A. U. A. at its 1908 session, which was as follows:

*Resolved,* That the Association approves the suggestion that the Board of Directors request the boards of directors of the Conference of the Middle States and Canada, the Western Conference, the Southern Conference, the Rocky Mountain Conference, and the Pafic Conference, together with the Department, State and local Conferences, which they represent, to consider, discuss, and report to them their conclusions upon the possibility and desirability of local autonomy and administration in the work of church extension.

After a full discussion, which failed to produce a plan acceptable to all the directors, on motion of Mr. Gilmore, seconded by Mrs. Lynn, a committee consisting of Messrs. Backus and Hawley and Mrs. Delano was voted, this committee being appointed to draft a resolution on the subject of local autonomy and present the same to the board for action. The meeting then adjourned.

W. M. Backus, Secretary.

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Chicago Associate Alliance.—A meeting will be held Thursday, December 3, at 11 a. m., at the Third Church, Monroe street, near Kedzie avenue. There will be a report of the Religious News Committee. Miss Helen M. Todd will speak on "Children as Wage Earners." Luncheon will be served at 1 o'clock.

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Chicago.—The Third Church Branch Alliance is to hold its annual bazaar Friday, December 11, at the church, Monroe street, near Kedzie avenue. Luncheon is to be served at noon and supper at night. The Chicago churches enjoy each other socially at their annual sales, each visiting the others.

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Report of meeting of Missouri Valley Associate Alliance of Unitarian Women, held in Unity church at Lawrence, Kan., Friday, September 25, 1908:

The morning session was called to order promptly at 10 o'clock by the president, Mrs. O. E. Learnard of Lawrence. The meeting was opened with singing "Alliance Hymn," followed by devotional exercises led by Mrs. Bennett, closing with prayer.

The president in a few well chosen words extended a cordial welcome to the sister Alliances and assured them that the Associate Alliance was a great help in the church life and work.

Music, Miss Bowersock.

All the programs of the different branches for the year's work showed the change that is going on in women's church societies, more time being given to study, literature and social life; that we are growing out of the mere making of money and giving more time to study, the programs indicating a wide field of study.

The Lawrence branch study class program for the past year: "Unitarian Work," "Philanthropic Movements in Other Denominations," "Foreign Religious Intelligence," "Educational Interests," "Political Topics," and "The Home."

Kansas City program: "Liberal Ideas of the Day," "Reviews of the Late Books on Religion, Science, Social Ethics, and Literature."

Kansas City, Topeka and Lawrence were well represented.

Reports of Branches showed an increase in membership and in interest. Topeka Branch reported having a goodly sum towards $150 pledged to the minister's salary. Kansas City Branch reported giving several days during the year to making garments for charity children.

Miss Brown of Lawrence gave a short history of the book table, of its origin and growth. This was established ten years ago and has, in a measure, both created and supplied the demand for a good class of books. From a first order amounting to $2.70, this year, in contrast to the first instalment, the amount purchased has been $124 worth, less than half of which remain on hand. This work has been carried on almost entirely through the efforts of Mrs. Learnard, president of the Lawrence Branch. The worth of the undertaking by no means lies in the money value, however, but in its educational help and in the uplift of the spirit. The extra money made from the sale of books is devoted mostly to Post Office Mission work, this being ably carried on by Rev. Mr. Bennett.

**Memorial.**

Hymn, "Auld Lang Syne."

Mrs. W. H. Carruth. Miss Alberta Corbin.
Mrs. Chadbourne. Miss Stuart.

Solo, "Crossing the Bar."

The Lawrence Branch served dinner in the church for all, where delegates and friends spent a social hour becoming better acquainted and examining the book table.

Afternoon session opened with singing a hymn. General subject, "Unitarianism in the United States."

After a general discussion the meeting closed with prayer by Rev. Mr. Jones of Topeka.

Belle K. Lindley, Secretary.

# DIRECTORY

A Directory of the Independent churches in the Western Unitarian Conference. The object of this list is to direct those who care to know where to find our churches and ministers.

*Alton, Ill.*—First Unitarian Church. Hour of service, 11 A. M.

*Ann Arbor, Mich.*—First Unitarian Society. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. Henry W. Foote.

*Bloomington, Ill.*—Unitarian Church, East and Jefferson Sts. Hour of service, 10:30 A. M. Rev. J. H. Mueller, 506 East Chestnut St.

*Brooklyn, Mich.*—People's Church. Hour of service, 7:30 P. M.

*Buda, Ill.*—Union Christian Society, Hour of service, 10:45 A. M.

*Burlington, Iowa.*—People's Church. Hour of service, 10:45 A. M.

*Chicago, Ill.*—Hull Memorial Chapel, Fifty-seventh St. and Woodlawn Ave. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. W. Hanson Pulsford, 115 E Twenty-third St.

*Chicago, Ill.*—Unity Church, Barry Ave., near Evanston Ave. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. Fred V. Hawley, 2429 North Hermitage Ave.

*Chicago, Ill.*—Third Unitarian Church, W. Monroe St. near Kedzie Ave. Hour of service, 10:45 A. M. Prof. George B. Foster.

*Chicago, Ill.*—First Swedish Unitarian Church, Wells Hall, 1629 N. Clark St. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. August Dellgren, 767 Sheffield Ave.

*Cincinnati, Ohio.*—The First Congregational Church of Cincinnati. Reading Rd. and Linton St. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. George A. Thayer, 304 Oak St.

*Cleveland, Ohio.*—The Church of the Unity, Euclid and Genesee Aves. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. Minot O. Simons, 1916 East Eighty-second St.

*Colorado Springs, Colo.*—All Souls' Unitarian Church, Dale and Tejon Sts. Hour of service, 4:15 P. M.

*Davenport, Iowa.*—First Unitarian Society. Hour of service, 10:30 A. M. Rev. Robert E. Ramsay.

*Decorah, Iowa.*—Unity Church. Hour of service, 10:30 A. M.

*Des Moines, Iowa.*—First Unitarian Society. Hour of service, 10:30 A. M. Rev. Mary A. Safford.

*Detroit, Mich.*—First Congregational Unitarian Society, Woodward Ave. and Edmund Place. Hour of service, 10:30 A. M. Rev. Reed Stuart, 76 Stimson Place.

*Duluth, Minn.*—First Unitarian Church. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. George R. Gebaner.

*Evanston, Ill.*—Church of All Souls. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. J. Vila Blake, 37 Ashland Blvd., Chicago.

*Fort Collins, Colo.*—Unity Church. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. Duren J. H. Ward.

*Geneseo, Ill.*—First Unitarian Society. Hours of service, 10:45 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Rev. David M. Kirkpatrick.

*Geneva, Ill.*—First Unitarian Society. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Prof. Geo. Foster.

*Gimli, Manitoba.*—Unitarian Society. Hour of service, Rev. J. P. Solmundsson.

*Grand Haven, Mich.*—First Unitarian Society, Washington St., between Third and Fourth Sts. Hour of service, 7 P. M.

*Grand Rapids, Mich.*—All Souls Liberal Church. Hours of service, 10:30 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Rev. H. B. Bard.

*Grand Rapids, Mich.*—Holland Unitarian Church. Hour of service, 10 A. M. Rev. B. A. Van Sluyters, R. F. D. 9.

*Greeley, Colo.*—Unity Church, Ninth St. and Ninth Ave. Hour of service, 10:45.

*Hanska, Minn.*—Nora Free Church. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. A. E. Norman.

*Harrietta, Mich.*—People's Church. Hour of service, 10 A. M. Rev. B. A. Hills.

*Hinsdale, Ill.*—Unity Church. Hour of service, 10:45 A. M. Rev. J. M. A. Spence.

*Hobart, Ind.*—First Unitarian Church. Hour of service, 7:30 P. M. Alternate Sundays.

*Humboldt, Iowa.*—Unity Church. Hours of service, 10:30 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Rev. C. P. Wellman.

*Indianapolis, Ind.*—All Souls' Unitarian Church. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev Frank C. S. Wicks, 17 Michigan St.

*Iowa City, Iowa.*—First Unitarian Society. Hours of service, 10 A. M. and 7 P. M. Rev. Robert S. Loring.

*Jackson, Mich.*—First Unitarian Society. Hour of service, 10:30 A. M. Rev. R. Shaw Barrow, 508 Fourth St.

*Kalamazoo, Mich.*—People's Church, Park and Lovell Sts. Hours of service, 10:30 A. M. and 7 P. M. Rev. Joseph P. McCarthy.

*Kansas City, Mo.*—All Souls' Church, Baltimore Ave. and Armour Boul. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. Charles Ferguson, 218 East 31st St.

*Kenosha, Wis.*—Henry M. Simmons Memorial Church, Chicago St. Hours of service, 10:30 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Rev. Florence Buck, 427 Congress St.

*Keokuk, Iowa.*—First Unitarian Society. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. M. Rowena Morse, Ph. D., 704 Grand Ave.

*Lawrence, Kan.*—The Unitarian Church, Hancock and Vermont Sts. Hours of service, 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Rev. Frederick M. Bennett, 1201 Vermont St.

*Lincoln, Neb.*—All Souls Church, Twelfth and H Sts. Hour of service, 10:30 A. M. Rev. Arthur L. Weatherly.

*Luverne, Minn.*—Unity Congregation Church. Hour of service, 10:45 A. M.

*Madison, Wis.*—First Unitarian Society. Hours of service, 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Rev. F. A. Gilmore.

*Manistee, Mich.*—First Unitarian Church. Hour of service, 10:30 A. M

*Milwaukee, Wis.*—First Unitarian Society, Ogden Ave. and Astor St. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. Walter F. Greenman, 682 Astor St.

*Minneapolis, Minn.*—First Unitarian Society, Eighth St, and Mary Place. Hour of service, 10:30 A. M.

*Moline, Ill.*—First Unitarian Church, Sixteenth St. and Sixth Ave. Hour of service, 10:45 A. M.

*Monroe, Wis.*—United Liberal Church. Hour of service, 10:45 A. M.

*Mount Pleasant, Mich.*—First Congregational Society. Hour of service, 10:30 A. M. and 7 P. M. Rev. H. Van Ommeren.

*Neillsville, Wis.*—People's Church. Hours of service, 11 A. M. and 8 P. M. Without minister.

*Omaha, Neb.*—Unity Church, Seventeenth and Cass streets. Hour of service, 10:45 A. M. Rev. Newton Mann, 421 N. Seventeenth St.

*Onsted, Mich.*—People's Church. Hour of service, 11 A. M.

*Ord, Neb.*—People's Unitarian Church of Ord. Hour of service, 11 A. M.

*Pueblo, Colo.*—Unity Church, Court and Ninth Sts. Hours of service, 11 A. M.

*Quincy, Ill.*—Second Congregational Church, 633 Main St. Hour of service, 10:30 A. M. Rev. C. F. Elliott.

*Salem, Ohio.*—Unity Church, Pioneer Building, Garfield Ave. and East Main St. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. A. Irvine Innes, 181 Garfield Ave.

*St. Louis, Mo.*—Church of the Messiah, Union Ave. and Morgan St. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. John W. Day, 320 North Newstead Ave.

*St. Louis, Mo.*—Church of the Unity, Park and Armstrong Aves. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. George R. Dodson, 48 Nicholson Place.

*St. Paul, Minn.*—Unity Church, Portland Ave. and Grotto St. Hours of service, 11 A. M. and 8 P. M. Rev. John D. Reid.

*Shelbyville, Ill.*—First Congregational Church. Hour of service, second and fourth Sundays of each month, at 10:30 A. M. Rev. Jasper L. Douthit.

*Sherwood, Mich.*—Unity Church. Hour of service, 7:30 P. M., alternate Sundays.

*Sioux City, Iowa*—Unity Church, Tenth and Douglas Sts. Hours of service, 10:30 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Rev. Manley B. Townsend, 410 Tenth St.

*Toledo, Ohio.*—Church of Our Father, Ashland Ave. and Prescott St. Hour of service 10:30 A. M. Rev. Abraham M. Rihbany, 4 Ashland Place.

*Topeka, Kan.*—First Unitarian Church, 918 Topeka Ave. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. J. H. Jones.

*Urbana-Champaign, Ill.*—Unitarian Church. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. Albert R. Vail, 1109 West California Ave., Urbana.

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